

1-1 By: Patrick (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2550
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2013;
1-3 May 6, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 17, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the consolidation of the Higher Education Enrollment
1-18 Assistance Program and the Higher Education Assistance Plan and the
1-19 transfer of certain enrollment assistance duties to institutions of
1-20 higher education.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter U, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 51.810 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 51.810. HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PLANS. (a) In
1-25 this section:

1-26 (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
1-27 Education Coordinating Board.

1-28 (2) "Institution of higher education" and "private or
1-29 independent institution of higher education" have the meanings
1-30 assigned by Section 61.003.

1-31 (b) The institution of higher education in closest
1-32 geographic proximity to a public high school in this state
1-33 identified by the coordinating board for purposes of this section
1-34 as substantially below the state average in the number of graduates
1-35 who enroll in higher education institutions shall enter into an
1-36 agreement with that high school to develop a plan to increase the
1-37 number of students from that high school enrolling in higher
1-38 education institutions. Under the plan, the institution shall:

1-39 (1) collaborate with the high school to:

1-40 (A) provide to prospective students information
1-41 related to enrollment in an institution of higher education or a
1-42 private or independent institution of higher education, including
1-43 admissions, testing, and financial aid information;

1-44 (B) assist those prospective students in
1-45 completing applications and testing related to enrollment in those
1-46 institutions, including admissions and financial aid applications,
1-47 and fulfilling testing requirements; and

1-48 (C) target efforts to increase the number of
1-49 Hispanic students and African American male students enrolled in
1-50 higher education institutions; and

1-51 (2) actively engage with local school districts to
1-52 provide access to rigorous, high-quality dual credit opportunities
1-53 for qualified high school students as needed.

1-54 (c) An institution of higher education must include a plan
1-55 developed by the institution under this section and the results of
1-56 that plan in its annual report to the coordinating board under
1-57 Section 51.4032.

1-58 (d) The coordinating board shall include in its annual
1-59 "Closing the Gaps" higher education plan progress report a summary
1-60 of the results of the plans developed and administered under this
1-61 section.

2-1 (e) The coordinating board may adopt rules to implement this
2-2 section.

2-3 SECTION 2. Sections 61.07622 and 61.088, Education Code,
2-4 are repealed.

2-5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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